

CONSOLIDATION GETS DECISION

Efficiency Commission Report
On Boards Referred For
Consideration

UPHEAVAL PREDICTED

Dr. McConnell Says Christianity Faces Crisis Now; That Result Will Be Three Bodies of Church — Dr. Burrows Denounces Literature of Today and Attendant Evils

(By the Associated Press.)

Nashville, Tenn., May 16.—After a two days' debate advocates of centralizing the three important boards of the Southern Baptist Convention won what is considered a victory when the delegates today voted to refer for reconsideration the portion of the efficiency commission's report recommending that the boards be maintained as at present. As now constituted they are the Foreign Mission Board, at Richmond, Va., the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, Ga., and the Sunday School Board at Nashville.

Before entering into consideration of the efficiency commission's report today the convention formally was presented with the new building of the Sunday School Board here and decided upon Houston, Texas, as the next meeting place in May, 1915.

The presentation exercises were featured by President Lansing Burrows' address in which he excoriated present day literature and drama.

The convention also approved the report of the nomination committee selecting officers for the various boards.

When the discussion of the efficiency commission's report was resumed today Dr. E. C. Dargan, of Macon, Ga., chairman of the commission, arose to a point of personal privilege and explained the action of the commission in making the recommendations.

"Some people think," he said, "that the report was not revolutionary and we have not given them proper thought. This is a great mistake. And the commission's action was the result of repeated deliberations by sub-committees and the whole commission."

On Verge of Upheaval.

"We do not want to be revolutionary," E. C. McConnell of Waco, Texas, stated, "but we believe there should be progress. The day is near at hand when there will be only three great Christian bodies, the Baptists, the Catholics, and the Federalists. And about a fifth of our Baptist will be among the Federalists. We are on the verge of a great upheaval—a Christian cataclysm."

For Action in Crisis.

The speaker asserted that there was need for action in this "great crisis." He assured his hearers that his remarks were not to be interpreted as being unfavorable to the present members of the three boards, but expressed the belief that they present board system needed changing to a central organization. "I do not want to be quoted as criticising our boards," he added. "If we do not appear satisfied with the report it is because of the great swell of our hearts for something—something better."

Several expressions of opinion were offered at this point but the speeches were terminated by a motion to consider the remainder of the report and take up the disputed clauses later. There was little opposition to the rest of the report, which, with a few amendments, was adopted.

After the adoption of the bulk of the report, Mr. McConnell reintroduced his motion which was adopted to refer "the preamble of section 2, and sub-section 6 of section 1 of the efficiency commission's report," to a commission for re-consideration.

Dr. L. Johnson Honored.

The personnel of this commission is to be the same as the old body with the addition of E. C. McConnell, Dr. Livingstone Johnson, of Raleigh, N. C., and Dr. W. O. Powell, of Louisville, Ky. The sections of the report mentioned recommended that the three boards as now constituted, are conducive to the best interests of the Southern Baptist Convention and should be maintained at their present location.

This commission is to receive suggestions from the denomination at large and report to the 1915 convention.

It is empowered to investigate the centralization plan, the consolidation of the two mission journals into one great periodical and any other matters of efficiency that may be deemed pertinent.

In accordance with the report of the nominating committee all the presidents of present convention

boards were re-elected. Several changes were made in the personnel of the vice-presidents of the Foreign Mission Board at Richmond, the Home Mission Board at Atlanta, the Sunday School Board here and the Baptist Young People's Union at Louisville. Laymen Headquarters Changed.

Today the convention decided to change the headquarters of the laymen's movement from Baltimore to Chattanooga, Tenn., and to place Dr. J. C. Henderson of Bristol, Tenn.-Va., in charge as corresponding secretary. The change was proposed in a report submitted by Joshua Levering, of Baltimore, member of the laymen's board. As a reason for the move, it was stated a more central Southern location was desirable.

Dr. Henderson is president of the Interment College at Bristol, Va.-Tenn., and it was stated that he would resign that position to accept the new office.

Responding to the presentation of the new Sunday School Board building to the convention, Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Americus, Ga., president of the Southern Baptist convention, today criticised sharply the literature of the age. After recounting the great achievements of the Sunday School Board, he said:

"And now we stand before the door of opportunity. The indomitable industry of the destroyer of human souls adapts his energies to shifting conditions. His most audacious attack is now upon the literature of the age. The three past generations have cultivated the reading habit. Men have grown story-mad and dramatically insane. The novelist and the dramatist have the strongest influence upon the present generation. They bring no glad tidings for its inspiration to nobler things. They are men with microscopes fastened upon social bacteria and never upon the glinting stars.

"When with the incisiveness of their practiced pen they have destroyed a microbe they have destroyed the health issue upon which it has feasted. They are like a foolish man who burns down his stable to be rid of fleas. They defend their atrocities by the plea that they are describing life as it is. They do not say they show us the rotten cancers of life. They make the great city the theatre of life. They present to use the vast metropolis of New York, with its great white ways, blatant with its vulgar extravagancies, reeking with the odious smells of its sensuality, aroar with the shouts of its chorus girls and its sodden spendthrifts, a homeless, Christian, narrow-browed and shrivelled-hearted worshippers of mammon and of lust, and they tell us this is life.

New York Denounced.

"There is no more provincial place on the continent, says one who knows than New York; no place to see life but life shrivelled in the heat of passion with men bereft of noble manhood and lefty purpose and women pictured as ox-eyed and tinted with peroxide who dread fat more than sin and who regard pimples as their direct enemy. Of their books, the best seller is the worst smeller. Of their dramas they revolve about the Seventh Commandment. Let them picture the scarlet woman and the married rake and they lack for neither readers nor spectators."

MEDIATORS GET READY FOR WORK

Advance Guard Leaves Washington On Its Way To Niagara Falls

(By the Associated Press.)

Washington, May 17.—After a day of conference between the three representatives of the government of Gen. Huerta, the South American Mediators, and the American delegates, the Advance guard in the Mexican mediation proceedings tonight was on its way to Niagara Falls for the conference to open there Wednesday. The entire Mexican party, including the three delegates, Senors Rabasa, Rodriguez and Elguero, with their wives, daughters and a large suite, left at three o'clock for New York where they will remain until Tuesday before proceeding to Niagara Falls.

Two of the mediators also started for the conference, Minister Naon, of Argentine, leaving at 7 o'clock tonight direct for Niagara Falls and Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil going by way of New York where he will be joined by Madame Da Gama, and proceed to the scene of the conference tomorrow night or Tuesday. Minister Suarez, of Chile, will leave tomorrow and the American delegates, Justice Lamar and Mr. Frederick L. Lehmann, with the American staff, will leave in time to reach Niagara Falls Tuesday night.

Page Carries Lee.

Sanford, May 16.—Lee county acted some time ago in the fight between E. N. Page and R. F. Beasley for Congress. The vote was, Page 296; Beasley 292.

BUSY TIME AHEAD FOR METHODISTS

Serious Questions Will Come Up For Final Disposition This Week

(By the Associated Press.)

Oklahoma City, Okla., May 17.—Proposals for the granting of laity rights to women, division of the church into episcopal districts, creation of separate women and men's missionary boards, and for an enlarged Sunday school board will probably be disposed of during this week by the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, meeting in quadrennial session here. It is also probable that an effort will be made to secure reconsideration of the Vanderbilt University matter disposed of yesterday by the adoption of a majority committee report which provided for the return of whatever rights the church retains in the University of the organic union of the ing conference and establish another school as the representative educational institution of the church.

The committee on Episcopacy, which already has passed on the characters of all the Bishops, is expected to report Tuesday. It is announced that the committee will recommend that Bishop E. E. Hoss be granted a year's leave from active work because of his physical condition.

Another report likely to be taken up during the week is that of the committee which considered the advisability of the organic union and the Protestant Methodist Church. The plan proposes an organic union under Methodist Episcopal Church, South, the Methodist Episcopal church and the name "The Methodist Church in America," with one general conference as the law-making body, but with separate jurisdictional conference which shall elect their own corps of Bishops and connectional board and officers.

Today delegates to the conference occupied pulpits in all of the Protestant churches here.

POWER HOUSE BURNED.

Clinton, May 16.—This morning the power house of the Sampson Power Company was burned and tonight Clinton is in darkness. The plant will be rebuilt at once. The origin of the fire was accidental. The loss is estimated at about five thousand dollars, half covered by insurance.

Mrs. W. J. Martin Winner.

Mrs. W. J. Martin was winner Saturday afternoon in the golf tournament in which the women members of the Country Club contested. By winning this contest, Mrs. Martin receives the C. A. Johnson silver cup. The match Saturday was quite an interesting one.

WEBB WON OUT WITH A RUSH

Swept The District Clean In The Primary For Congress Over E. R. Preston

(Special to The News and Observer.)

Charlotte, May 12.—It was early known here that Congressman E. Yates Webb, of Shelby, had defeated E. R. Preston, of Charlotte, for Congress in the Ninth District, Mr. Webb being renominated by a handsome majority, carrying every county in the District.

The figures are all big ones for Webb. With no definite figures from Avery, Madison, Mitchell and Yancey, all carried by Webb, other figures are:

Mecklenburg—Carried by Webb by about 1,200 majority.

Catawba—Webb 1,201, Preston 341.

Lincoln—Webb 1,214, Preston 177.

Cleveland—Webb 3,149, Preston 276.

Burke—Webb 606, Preston 34.

Gaston—Webb 2,210, Preston 428.

R. BRUCE WHITE WINS.

Louisburg, May 17.—In the State Senatorial primary which was held in this county Saturday, R. Bruce White, of Franklinton, was elected Senator over his opponent, William W. Boddie, of Louisburg, by a majority vote of over two to one. Three townships casting about a hundred votes, have not been officially heard from yet, but it is the thought that the ratio will not be materially changed.

A scientist compares the human body with the mechanism of the auto. But every auto is equipped with a muffler.

CHARLOTTE PAPER GIVES PRAISE

Says Address of Chief Sherwood Brockwell Best of Convention

Mayor James I. Johnson and Chief Sherwood Brockwell, of the fire department have returned to the city from Charlotte after attending the annual convention of the Carolina Municipal Association and both report a fine trip and splendid meeting.

At the last session of the convention, which was on Friday, Chief Brockwell delivered an address relating to the inspection of buildings by the fire department which was given very flattering praise by the press of Charlotte. The Charlotte Observer in its Saturday issue carried Mr. Brockwell's speech in part, and commented as follows:

"Without disparaging other able addresses made, the general opinion as expressed by the delegates was that the most practical paper of the entire meeting was that of Mr. Brockwell, and when he concluded some little time was taken by the delegates in offering their praise. Mr. R. E. Lee of Baltimore who is secretary of the American League of Municipalities declared the address probably the best and most practical he had ever heard, that the style was excellent and the hard common sense was useful to every member of the convention. Capt. J. D. McNeill, who has been president of the North Carolina Firemen's Association for 20 years, and has been president of the National Association for three years said that in all his experience he had never heard a more practical paper. A dozen more delegates added their voices to the appreciation of Mr. Brockwell's paper.

"Mr. Brockwell began his address by saying that while his remarks were based upon experience with paid fire departments yet his observations were that the rules would apply to volunteer departments as well. The speech covers the ground so well, and as it was ordered enrolled in the minutes of the meeting, and also as it was requested that it be read before the State Firemen's Association which meets in Winston-Salem, it is reproduced here in substance.

"Capt. J. D. McNeill said that he had been a member of the fire department since in the sixties, had been at the head of the North Carolina Firemen's Association for 20 years, and for three years had been with the National Association, and in all of his experience he had never heard a paper of the practical importance of that read by Mr. Brockwell. However he differed with Mr. Brockwell in the matter of first importance to the city, declaring that fire protection should be ahead of the health department.

FOR ENTERTAINING OF CONFEDERATES

Committees Will Be Called This Evening To Care For The Soldiers

Mr. John W. Drewry, president of the Chamber of Commerce, has called a meeting at 8:30 this evening in the Chamber of Commerce rooms to discuss the entertainment of the Confederate Veterans when they meet here in June.

Mr. Drewry has issued requests to forty or more men to serve on this important committee. The Confederates are to come here and the purpose of the Raleigh people is that they shall live while here without cost to themselves. The problem of entertainment is a great one. There will be a large number, several hundred. With those who come to the unveiling of the monument of the Confederate women, the attendance will be much greater.

Raleigh has no place large enough to entertain the men, but it is more than likely that they will be given quarters at the A. & M. College where a large number of them can be fed and can gain sleeping quarters. The only difficulty that attends the sojourn there is the closing of school before its time. This takes all the cooks away, but the Raleigh people will try to find cooks to care for them.

Chairman Drewry is calling upon the entertainment committee to do all that it can to arouse interest in the reunion. The soldiers will be here two days. The big day is the unveiling. It will be during warm weather and the desire is to make it perfectly comfortable. The hour of the meeting will be 3:30 sharp.